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SUBJECT:UK TEXTILE MONITORING SYSTEM

1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY UK EMBASSY HERE THAT HMG AN-
NOUNCING AN IMPORT MONITORING SYSTEM REQUIRING LICENSES FOR
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VIRTULLY ALL TEXTILE IMPORTS FROM NON EC COUNTRIESEFFECTIVE

APRIL 3. ACCORDING TO EMBASSY, MONITORING SYSTEM IS IN RESPONSE TO GROWING PRESSURES IN UK TO REDUCE TEXTILE IMPORTS AND IS ADOPTED AS MEANS FOR HMG TO RESIST IMPORT RESTRICTIONS. LICENSING REPORTEDLY DESIGNED ONLY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ESSENTIAL FOR ASSESSMENT OF ACTUAL IMPORTS OF TEXTILES AND FORWARD INTENTIONS OF IMPORTERS. LICENSES WOULD BE ISSUED FREELY ON DEMAND AND PRESENTATION OF EVIDENCE THAT ORDERS HAVE BEEN PLACED.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM APPROPRIATE UK OFFICIALS OF OUR CONCERN THAT MONITORING SYSTEM WILL ADD FUEL TO PRESSURES WHICH OTHER COUNTRIES NOW UNDER TO RESTRICT IMPORTS OF TEXTILES. IF SUCH ACTIONS PROLIFERATE, THEY WILL EVENTUALLY UNDERMINE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF IF A THREATENING A RETURN TO CHAOTIC SITUATIONS IN TEXTILE TRADE. MORE BROADLY, RESTRICTIVE ACTION IN THIS SECTOR--EVEN IF LIMITED INITIALLY TO MONITORING THROUGH LICENSES--IS ADDITIONAL STEP TOWARD EROSION OF RESOLVE OF MAJOR TRADING COUNTRIES TO HOLD THE LINE ON RESTRICTIVE TRADE MEASURES WHILE WE RIDE OUT CURRENT WORLDWIDE ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES. ALTHOUGH WE APPRECIATE HMG'S ASSURANCES THAT ADOPTION OF A MONITORING SYSTEM IS NOT A STEP TOWARD IMPOSITION OF MORE DIRECT FORMS OF RESTRICTION, IT WILL IN OUR VIEW INEVITABLY HAVE SOME RESTRICTIVE IMPACT ON TRADE AND BE SEEN AND INTERPRETED INTERNATIONALLY AS A FURTHER WEAKENING OF THE OBLIGATION

NOT TO RESORT TO TRADE RESTRICTIVE ACTIONS. WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE, THEREFORE, THAT IN PROCEEDING WITH THE MONITORING SYSTEM THE UK MAKE CLEAR ITS CONTINUING RESOLVE TO AVOID ANY STEPS TOWARD DIRECT IMPORT RESTRICTIONS IN TEXTILES OUTSIDE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE MFA TO WHICH UK AS PART OF EC IS AN ADHERENT. THE EMBASSY MAY FIND IT USEFUL TO REMIND HMG OFFICIALS THAT MFA WAS DESIGNED TO HANDLE TEXTILE PROBLEMS SUCH AS HMG FEELS IT NOW MAY BE FACING AND THAT IT IS OUR BELIEF THE HMG SHOULD KEEP THE MFA MECHANISMS FULLY IN MIND IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH THESE PROBLEMS.

3. IN ORDER TO ALLAY FEARS THAT THE UK MAY TAKE STEPS

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TOWARD IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON TEXTILES AS WELL AS IN OTHER SECTORS, IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF THE UK COULD IN THE NEAR FUTURE MAKE KNOWN ITS INTENTION TO SUPPORT RENEWAL OF THE OECD TRADE PLEDGE.

4. EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO REPORT DETAILS OF TEXTILE MONITORING SYSTEM AS SOON AS THEY ARE AVAILABLE. INGERSOLL

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